**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR JUNE 2021**

It’s difficult to believe that we are halfway through the year already and I am writing another report! We are still busy with clients at the Foodbank – 93 adults and 47 children this month and the trend has been followed of fairly quiet Mondays and much busier Thursdays. Our stock of some food ie: pasta, baked beans, soup, fish and tinned tomatoes, is still high but we do run short of other things – fruit juice, corned beef, hot dogs, tinned fruit, custard, jam and marmalade to name a few. We are very grateful for the regular donation that comes in via Waitrose and also for the many groups around our area who collect for us and bring it along. My thanks also for generous donations of money, which does enable us to supplement items that we run short of.

The Wallingford Book Shop very kindly gave us a box of children’s books, to suit nearly all ages, and we have been able to send appropriate ones out to families with children. We had some feedback from one person who was overwhelmed with the bags of food, plus books, that we had sent out and said it was like Christmas.

Eileen and I had the pleasure of going to speak to the Wallingford Beavers this month. We had a lovely time with them, they asked lots of questions and gave us two big bags of toiletries. It’s such a good opportunity to speak to the young children as it’s never too early to encourage them to think of others who perhaps are not as fortunate as themselves.

We are still operating on a phone and deliver basis and I should like to thank all the drivers who have been involved for the last 15 months or so. I know that some of them have had to drop out now because of work commitments but if anyone feels they would like to help in this way, please get in touch with me and I will pass your name on to David, who manages this side of the operation.

With my best wishes,

Jean Burt